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1. The Sokol Cellulose Factory is located about 1 km east of Cherepovets, on the north side of a road leading to Pokoy. The road and a branch railroad connecting the factory with the main line are the factory's main lines of communication.
2. The director of the factory was a Georgian engineer. About 2000 men were employed in the factory, mostly Russian ex-convicts settled in and around Cherepovets. Another 1000 workers, including 40-50 German PWs, were employed in felling timber, timber transport, and at the factory lumber yard. Personnel employed within the factory worked in three shifts of about 700 men each. Those working outside the factory worked a twelve-hour shift.
3. Cellulose was produced from pine logs about 2 m long and 30 cm thick. The trees were cut down in the forests east of the factory, transported by rail to the lumber yard next to the factory, and then sent on into the factory by rail. The finished product was taken by rail to an unknown destination.
4. The factory itself, but not the lumber yard, was surrounded by a two-meter-high, barbed-wire fence. Factory guards were posted at the gates and passes were checked. The factory occupied an area about 200 m east to west by 250 m north to south. There was one entrance from the road and two from the lumber yard. There was also a sawmill on the factory grounds. The lumber yard had no definite boundaries. There were two saw frames in the yard. A German PW, a forester by occupation, estimated that the average stock of timber kept in the yard was 200,000 cubic meters.

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Comment. German PWs worked only on tree felling and in the lumber yard, entering the factory only rarely

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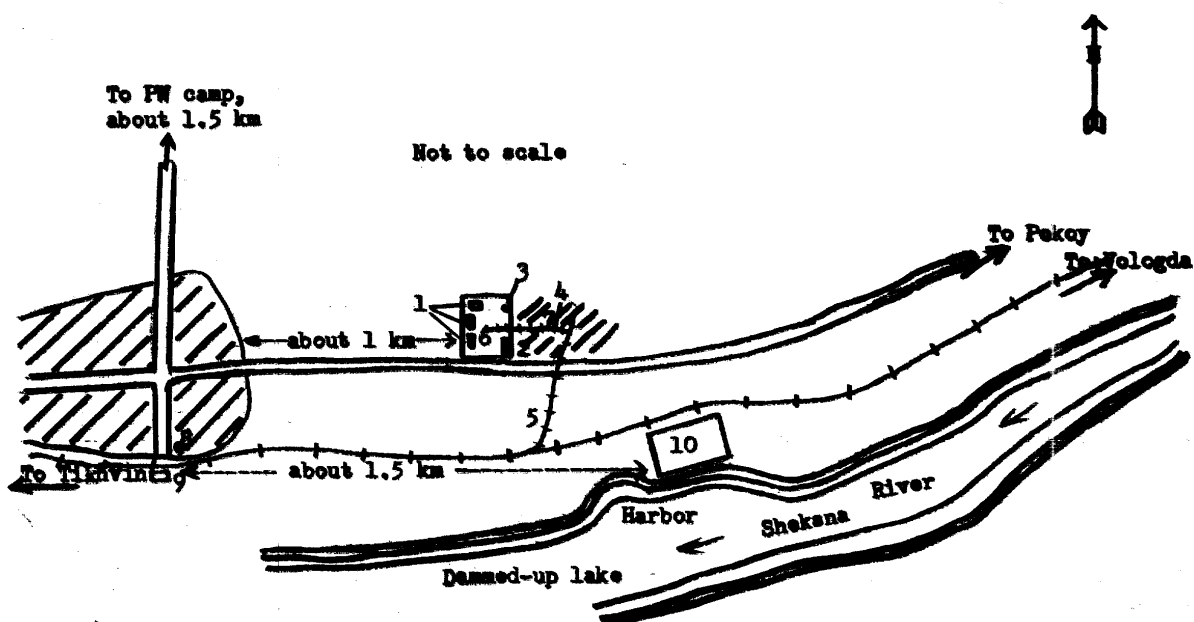
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Comment. Pokoy could not be found on any available maps or gazetteers.

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Sketch of the Cherepovets Cellulose Factory Location



Legend.

1. Stone buildings about 40 m long and 6 m high
2. Two-story stone building, partly occupied by administrative offices
3. Several large, metal containers for acetate and tar, covered with a roof
4. Double-track branch railroad
5. Six-track branch railroad
6. The factory
7. The lumber yard
8. A transformer
9. The railroad station, two-story wooden building; railroad was single track. There were three switch tracks, about 150 m long, and a siding 200 m long.
10. Shipyard, 200m north to south by 300m east to west

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